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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EIGHTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Andreja Metelko-Zgombić (Croatia)

1. At its 27th meeting, on 18 May 1998, the Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Cameroon, Croatia, Germany, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Philippines, South Africa and Trinidad and Tobago.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 21 May 1998.

3. Ms. Andreja Metelko-Zgombić (Croatia) was elected Chairperson of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 20 May 1998, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the meeting, formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by any person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 58 States participating in the Eighth Meeting of States Parties: Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belize, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, India, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay,

Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Eighth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities by the following 35 States participating in the Eighth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Spain, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and Uruguay.

8. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> "The Credentials Committee,
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> "Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Eighth Meeting of State Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 20 May 1998, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,
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> "Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Eighth Meeting of States Parties.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Eighth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives of the Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee."

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the Eighth Meeting by the President of the Seventh Meeting.

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Election of the President.

4. Adoption of the agenda for the Eighth Meeting.

5. Election of the Vice-Presidents.

6. Appointment of the Credentials Committee.

7. Organization of work.

8. Report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to the Meeting of States Parties (1996-1997) (rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties).

9. Draft budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 1999, as submitted by the Tribunal.

10. Budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea: Issues relating to the over-expenditure during the 1996/97 budgetary period (SPLOS/WP.8).

11. Draft Financial Regulations of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (SPLOS/WP.6).

12. Conditions under which retirement pensions may be given to members of the Tribunal (see article 18, paragraph 7, of Annex VI to the Convention).

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13. Issues submitted to the Meeting of States Parties by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (see CLCS/4, paragraphs 11 and 12 and SPLOS/28).

14. Rules of procedure of the Meeting of States Parties, in particular, the rules dealing with the participation of observers (rule 18) and with the decisions on questions of substance (rule 53).

15. Role of the Meeting of States Parties in reviewing ocean and law of the sea issues.

16. Other matters.